GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:439
ANSWERED ON:25.04.2000
POLICY FOR JHUGGI DWELLERS
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the former Prime Ministers had met the PrimeMinister including the Urban Development Minister on March 27,2000 and have urged upon him to form a rehabilitation policy for the jhuggi dwellers of the metropolitan cities like Mumbai, Calcutta and Delhi;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the steps taken by the Union Government in the matter?

Answer

MINISTER FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a)to(c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.439 FOR 25.4.2000 REGARDING P FOR JHUGGI DWELLERS.

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b)&(c): The Prime Minister has entrusted the work to the Urban Development Minister.The matter has been discussed with all concerned, including jhuggi dwellers and the Railway officials. A joint survey by the Railway and the Slum & JJ Department of MCD has been ordered to assess the problems of jhuggies that fall into the safety zone of the Railways. Further action would be taken as soon as the survey of the safety zone has been carried out.

Government is already implementing a scheme for resettlement of jhuggi dwellers in Delhi. Recently, jhuggi dwellers have been moved peacefully and resettled from several areas including CGO Complex, Gautam Nagar, Sadiq Nagar, Andrews Ganj etc.These resettlements have been carried out in accordance with the pattern laid down by the Ministry of Urban Development and have produced satisfactory results both for the welfare of the jhuggi dwellers and for securing vacant possession of the land which are needed by different Departments for implementation of important developmental projects in accordance with the provisions of Delhi Master Plan.

In so far as other metropolitan cities are concerned, the matter falls within the jurisdiction of the respective State Governments.